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Sir:

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FR1518712 discloses a device for the horizontal adjustment of tables and other supports with feet. The object is to maintain the verticality of the aforementioned legs, and to ensure the stability of the table or other supports, while allowing the contact of each foot on the standing base (resting surface), irrespective of the unevenness (inequality) of the latter. The device has at least one beam oscillating around a horizontal axis fixed to the table, and uniting the extremities above with a pair of feet.

FR2082927 discloses a device permitting the wedging of feet for furnishings such as tables, chairs, shop displays, or chests of drawers for example, to be accomplished automatically upon contact with an uneven support surface, allowing feet to rest flat, and preventing rocking. To this end, the device is characterized in that at least two of its feet have vertically mobile support elements, coupled by compensator means, designed in such a way that one of the support elements pushes towards the base, while the other pushes upwards, the compensator means being

designed so as to allow movement of the support elements relative to each other, when one of the elements is raised up without the other element being held positively, and to immobilize the two elements in their adjusted position, when a significant opposing force opposes movement corresponding to the descending element.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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